

# GOATS AT A GLANCE



## FALL into Combine

It is wild to think that it is nearly November and that students are halfway through their fall semester. Time sure does fly when there is fun to be had! As usual, campus is busy. Academics are well into their curriculum; many courses are administering their midterm exams and projects. Updated student progress reports will be emailed home at the beginning of next week. Athletics are actively training and preparing for their upcoming seasons. Soccer has had an epic season thus far. For the first time in program history, they have achieved top table status in all of their competitions. They are not only in 1st place in the UPSL Premier and UPSL Division 1, but they are also in 1st place in the College Developmental League. Combine hosted all three state soccer playoff games this week, and they are hosting the CDL final matches this next week. Meanwhile, golf has had similar success. Individually, K.P. Chantang went 74-70 at the Disney Junior Open, making him even for two days. He then went into a one-hole playoff and made a birdie for the win. Kenyon Crawford and Saleem Taher also deserve some love. Kenyon shot 82-76 and Saleem 82-75. They have made massive improvements score-wise since their first tournament in Monroe NC. Combine's newest team on campus, cross country, has also achieved a big win. These dual-sport athletes qualified for the Cross Country State Championship. In preparation for a big season, basketball is flirting with their season tip-off. They have several local games in the coming weeks to ultimately prepare for their competition and conference play. The basketball program will also welcome 43 student-athletes from Denmark at the end of the month for some international competition.



### IXL: MATH & READING ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Combine has recently implemented a new online platform for student remediation and enrichment: IXL. One hundred students are piloting the reading and math programs this semester. The goal of this offering is to provide even more learning opportunities for students. This program will not only help with skill development, but it will also help students prepare for supplemental assessments: SAT/TOEFL tests. Students have unlimited math and reading skill practice.

### CAMPUS CLEAN-UP

On Friday, October 11th, administration rolled out a campus clean-up day as part of our Friday Seminar. While clean-up in dorms and villas were definitely improved this week, we will still want to encourage students to be more conscientious of their living quarters, particularly kitchens (refrigerators especially), bathrooms, and common areas. It is important students take out trash regularly, dispose of expired food items, and be thoughtful of community space. This is definitely a work in progress, but more frequent campus clean-ups are in Combine's future. After clean-up, students enjoyed the Greek food truck.



### COLLEGE PLANNING

College planning and recruiting are always important topics for our athletes. Administration is committed to providing additional support and explanation of the college application process, as well as ensuring student understanding of the athletic levels post high school. The last couple of weeks during Friday Seminar have been revolved around college searches and clarifying NCAA/NAIA eligibility. Students and staff will continue these discussions and complete tasks to help support students' college endeavors.



### Upcoming Events

- Thursday, October 17: Soccer Futures CAA4SC State Championship Semifinals @ 4:00pm
- Friday, October 18th: Soccer Futures CAA4SC State Championship Finals @ 4:00pm; Regional Basketball vs. UNCC Club @ 7:00pm
- Friday, October 18-Saturday, October 19: Elite Basketball @ All-American Jamboree in Tavares, FL
- Saturday, October 19: Soccer Futures @ Liberty Arsenal International 3:00pm; Soccer Royal @ CSA 6:00pm
- Sunday, October 20: Futures vs. Villarreal Force Academy 1:00pm
- Monday, October 21: Soccer CDL Semi Final Match 5pm
- Tuesday, October 22: Soccer vs. WSC @ 4:00pm
- Thursday, October 24: Soccer CDL Final Match @ 4:30pm
- Friday, October 25: Soccer Futures @ Legion Collegiate Academy 6pm; Golf @ Charleston Junior Open
- Saturday, October 26: Soccer Royals @ Charlotte FC 1pm
- Sunday, October 27: Soccer Futures @ River City FC 3pm
- Tuesday, October 29: Basketball vs. Hjemly - Regional 4pm; Global/Varsity @ 5:30pm
- Wednesday, October 30: Global vs. Varsity 5:30pm; Elite Basketball vs. Moriavian Regional 7:00pm (Food Truck on Campus)
- Thursday, October 31: Soccer Futures @ Lenoir Rhyne University 6:30pm

## »»» STUDENT TRAVEL & PLANNING – HOLIDAYS

As we near the halfway point of the semester, there are several plans that need to be considered: flights, transportation to and from the airport, campus accommodations, athletic schedules, final exams etc. Please review the email sent on 10/16 to review campus schedules for the Thanksgiving and Winter Holidays. Here are a few links to easily access helpful documents and forms.

- [Campus Schedule & Accommodations During Breaks Email](#)
- [Transportation Form for 12/18 & 1/5 \(Pre-Approved/No Fee\)](#)
- [Transportation Form for Early/Late Travel \(w/ Fee\)](#)
- [Early Exam Request Form \(must be submitted by 10/31\)](#)
- [Pre - Arranged Absence Form](#)



## »»» STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

Congratulations to our September students of the month. We celebrated with ice cream!

Brooks Anderson  
Caleb Thomas  
Jon Vousbouis  
Eduardo DeLeon  
Jonas Astrup  
Jayden Miranda

Lang Ntiwane  
Juan Rodriguez  
Ethan Pauley  
Alan Li (Zhuodong)  
Juan Andres Rodriguez Diaz  
Saleem Taher



# CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

## »»» SOCCER SKILLS



The soccer teams have been on fire this season. They've got some skills, for sure! Congratulations to their successes so far this season.



The baseball field beautification project has concluded. The boys had their first official practice on the turf, and pure excitement radiated off of each player. The team is excited for their upcoming season.

## »»» BASEBALL BEAUTIFICATION

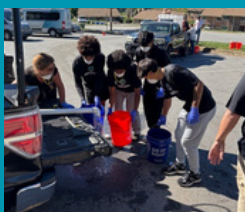


## »»» BOWLING NIGHT

The Varsity basketball team had a night of team bonding off the courts and on the lanes. They spent a night out on the town in Lincolnton, showing off their bowling skills.

## »»» COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Combine staff is truly dedicated to the growth and maturation of our student-athletes. That means students are encouraged to give their best in the classroom, on the field, but also in their communities. With the devastation of Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina (WNC) last month, it was important for our coaches to get our athletes involved and help in some capacity. The Regional Basketball team, coached by Anderson Bynum, Larry Mullins, and Cory Crews, traveled to WNC to lend helping hands in a community without potable water. Meanwhile, the soccer team jumped in to help Coach Brad Bagan coach a U11 girls' team. It has been impressive to observe these young men in new environments and taking on new roles outside of their comfort zones.



## SENIOR PLANNING

Parents of 12th graders, can you believe your son is a senior? The days are long, but the years are short! Well, Combine is excited to celebrate your graduating senior this spring. Here are a couple of tidbits to have on your mind, for May 2025 will be here before we know it.

- **Academic Awards Night:** Friday, May 16th, 2025 (families and friends are invited)
- **Graduation Day:** Saturday, May 17th, 2025 (families and friends are invited)
- **Senior Cap & Gowns:** Seniors will be fitted in November for their cap and gown. Senior dues will be collected in January.
- **Senior Academic Meetings:** Academic Planning Meetings will start in early November to review cohesive transcripts, spring schedules, and college planning.
- **Senior/Graduation Pictures:** Combine is offering on campus senior/graduation portraits this fall. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your senior and to document this amazing time. Photo sessions will be sprinkled throughout the month of November. More information will be sent out early next week.